A compound of the Formula I ·со<sub>2</sub>н I O 5 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is R<sup>3</sup>OC-, R3CO-, DOESTANTE DARDO  $R^3SO_0$ Ra 10 R5NCHR6CO-, ·NH<sub>2</sub> O C R Ra' each  $R^a$  is independently hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_0$  alkyl, or -( $CH_2$ )<sub>n</sub> aryl;  $R^2$  is  $-(CRR)_n$ -aryl, 15  $-(CRR)_n$ -X-aryl,  $-(CRR)_n$ -heteroaryl,

-(CRR)<sub>n</sub>-X-heteroaryl,

(CRR)<sub>n</sub>-(substituted-heteroaryl), - $(\dot{Q}RR)_n$ -(substituted-aryl),  $-(CR_{R})_{n}-X-(substituted-aryl),$ -(CRR $\rangle_n$ -aryl-aryl, -(CRR) -aryl-heteroaryl, 5 -(CRR)<sub>n</sub>-aryl-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-aryl,  $-(CRR)_n$ - $QH(aryl)_2$ -(CRR)<sub>n</sub>-cycloalkyl, -(CRR)<sub>n</sub>-X-cycloalkyl, 10 -(CRR)<sub>n</sub>-heterocycle, -(CRR)<sub>n</sub>-X-heterocycle, -(CRR)<sub>n</sub> substituted heterocycle,  $(CH_2)_n$  substituted aryl  $(CH_2)_n$  aryl, 15 [aryl, or substituted arxl]

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—[aryl, or substituted aryl], aryl, (CRR)<sub>n</sub> P(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>aryl, -(CRR)<sub>n</sub> (CRR)<sub>n</sub> CH NH aryl, - (CRR) -(CRR)<sub>n</sub>

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$$-(CRR)_n$$
, or  $R^4$ 
 $(CHR)_n$ - or  $N$ 
 $(CHR)_n$ -

each R is independently hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, halogen or hydroxy;

X is O or S;

 $R^3$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,

aryl,

heteroaryl,

 $-(CHR)_n$ -aryl,

-(CHR)<sub>n</sub>-heteroaryl,

-(CHR)<sub>n</sub>-substituted heteroaryl,

-(CHR)<sub>n</sub>-substituted aryl,

 $-(CRR)_nCOR^a$ ,

- $(CRR)_nS(CH_2)_n$ -aryl,

cycloalkyl,

substituted cycloalky,

heterocycle,

substituted heterocycle

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$$\parallel$$
 -(CRR)<sub>n</sub>CNR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>a</sup>,

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                      each R' is independently C1-C6 alkyl,
                               C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkylaryl,
                                aryl, or
                                hydrogen;
                      each J is independently
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                                -dO_2R^b,
                                -CONRBRB,
                                -Sd2NRbRb, or
                      each Rb is independently hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl;
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                                arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, substituted arylalkyl, or substituted
                                heteroatylalkyl;
                      R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen,
                                C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl,
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                                CH<sub>3</sub>OC-,
                                -phenyl, or
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                                C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl C
                      R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl-C<sup>6</sup>
                                -(CH_2)_n aryl,
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                                C_1-C_6-alkylOC-,
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(CRR)<sub>n</sub>aryl, 0 -CNR aRa, 0 -SC<sub>1</sub>-O<sub>6</sub> alkyl, Ö 0  $-C(CH_2)_nCNR^aR^a$ , 0  $-\ddot{C}O(CH_2)_{1}$  aryl, O  $-\ddot{\text{CO}}(\text{CH}_2)_n$  substituted aryl, 0  $-\ddot{\mathbb{C}}(CRR)_nNH\dot{\mathbb{C}}O(CH_2)_n$ -aryl, R<sub>6</sub>  $-(CH_2)_nX(CH_2)_n$  aryl,  $-C_1-C_6$  alkyl X-C<sub>1</sub> $C_6$  alkyl aryl, or O | | | | | | | -C-CH-NHC-CH-NHCC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl; CH2-heteroaryl  $(\dot{C}H_2)_n$  $CO_2R^a$ 

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R5alis C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl,  $-COC_1-C_6$  alkyl, 0 0 -C-CH-NHCC1-C6 alkyl,  $(\dot{C}H_2)_n$ aryl or substituted aryl, CO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> aryl 0  $C(CH_2)_n$  aryl, or CCHNHCC1-C6 alkyl; | CH<sub>2</sub> heteroaryl R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, - $(CH_2)_n$  aryl, - $(CH_2)_n$ CO2 $\mathbb{R}^a$ , hydroxyl substituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, or imidazole substituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl; each n is independently 0 to 3, and the pharmaceutically acceptable, salts, esters, amides, and prodrugs thereof. О

- 2. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl-CH<sub>2</sub>-OC-.
- 35 3. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl-SO<sub>2</sub>-.

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- 4. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub>-OC-.
- 5. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-.
- 5 6. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub> NH CH<sub>2</sub>
  - 7. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub> NH CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>
  - 8. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO-.
  - 9. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is S
  - 10. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein each R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen.
- 10 11. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-phenyl.
  - 12. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-naphthyl.
  - 13. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O-phenyl.
  - 14. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O-naphthyl.
  - 15. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-S-phenyl.

16. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-CH(phenyl)<sub>2</sub>.

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A compound according to Claim 1 wherein each  $R^a$  is hydrogen;  $R^1$  is benzyloxycarbonyl;  $R^2$  is aryl- $X(CRR)_{n^-}$ , aryl- $(CRR)_{n^-}$ , heteroaryl- $(CRR)_{n^-}$ , or cycloalkyl- $(CRR)_{n^-}$ ; n is 1, 2, or 3; X is O or S; and R is hydrogen, methyl, or benzyl.

18. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein each Ra is hydrogen;

R1 is benzyloxycarbonyl; and

 $R^2$  is  $-(CH_2)_n$ -naphthyl

- $(CH_2)_n$ -phenyl,

-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-cycloalkyl,

- $(CH_2)_nO(CH_2)_n$ -naphthyl,

-(CH2) $_n$ O(CH2) $_n$ -phenyl, or

 $-(CH_2)_nS(CH_2)_n$ -phenyl.

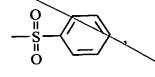
19. A compound according to Claim 1 wherein each Ra is hydrogen;

R1 is benzyloxycarbonyl; and

 $R^2$  is -CH<sub>2</sub>-naphthyl.



A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein each R<sup>a</sup> is hydrogen; R<sup>2</sup> is benzyloxycarbonyl,



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- 21. A method of inhibiting interleukin-1β converting enzyme, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of inhibition of interleukin-1β converting enzyme a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- 22. A method of inhibiting Caspase-4, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of inhibition of Caspase-4 inhibition a Caspase-4 inhibiting amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- 23. A method of treating stroke, the method comprising administering to a patient having a stroke or having had a stroke a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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- 24. A method of treating inflammatory diseases, the method comprising administering to a patient having an inflammatory disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- 25. The method of Claim 24 wherein the inflammatory disease is arthritis.
- 5 26. The method of Claim 24 wherein the inflammatory disease inflammatory bowel disease.
  - 27. A method of treating reperfusion injury, the method of comprising administering to a patient having reperfusion injury a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- 10 28. A method of treating Alzheimer's disease, the method comprising administering to a patient having Alzheimer's disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
  - 29. A method of treating shigellosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having shigellosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
  - 30. A pharmaceutically acceptable composition that contains a compound of Claim 1.

The compounds:

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-(3-phenyl-propionyloxy)pentanoic acid;

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(3-cyclohexyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxopentanoic acid;

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(naphthalene-1-yl-oxy)-acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid,

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3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-phenoxyacetoxy-pentanoic
acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-phenylsulfanylacetoxy-
pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(6-methoxy-naphthalene-1-yl)-
acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(naphthalene-2-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-
pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(3-naphthalene-2-yl-propionyloxy)-
4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(3,3-diphenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-
pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(1H-indol-3-yl)-acetoxy]-4-oxo-
pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(indol-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-
pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5 (2-naphthalene-1-yl-propionyloxy)-
4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-[(2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-
acetoxy]-pentanoic acid;
5-[(Acetyl-phenyl-amino)-acetoxy] 3-benzyloxycarbonyl-amino-4-
oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(2-benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-
oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(hydroxy-haphthalene-1-yl-acetoxy)-
4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-[(phehyl-amino)-acetoxy]-
pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(6-hydroxy-naphthalene-1-yl)-
acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[3-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-

2-naphthalene-1-yl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid

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	(S)-3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-phenylacetoxy-pentanoic
	acid;
	(S)-3-Benzyloxydarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-(4-phenyl-butyryloxy)-
	pentanoic acid;
5	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-[(4-phenyl-naphthalen-1-yl)-
	acetoxy]-pentanoic acid;
	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(4-methyl-naphthalen-1-yl)-
	acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;\
	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-[(4-thiophen-2-yl-naphthalen-
10	1-yl)-acetoxy]-pentanoic acid;
	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino 5-[(4-fluoro-naphthalen-1-yl)-
	acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-((2-methyl-naphthalen-1-yl)-
	acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
15	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino 5-[(2-fluoro-naphthalen-1-yl)-
	acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	5-(Benzofuran-4-yl-acetoxy)-3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-
	pentanoic acid;
	5-(Benzo[b]thiophen-7-yl-acetoxy)-3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-
20	oxo-pentanoic acid;
	5-(Benzo[b]thiophen-4-yl-acetoxy)-3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-
	oxo-pentanoic acid;
	5-[(4-Benzyl-naphthalen-1-yl)-acetoxy]-3-
	benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
. 25	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(3,4-dihydro-naphthalen-1-yl)-
	acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(5-bromo-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetoxy]-
	4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-(3,4-diphenyl-butyryloxy)-4-oxo-
30	pentanoic acid;
	3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-(3-phenyl-3-phenylamino-
	propionyloxy)-pentanoic acid;
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3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-[(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-
naphthalen-2-yl)-acetoxy]-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(1-methanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)
acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-[(2,3,5,6-tetramethyl-phenyl)
acetoxy]-pentanoic acid;
5-(Benzothiazol-4-yl-acetoxy)-3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-
pentanoic acid;
5-(Benzofuran-3-yl-acetoxy)-3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-
pentanoic acid;
5-(Benzo[b]thiophen-3-y -acetoxy)-3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-
oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-(3-phenyl-3-pyridin-2-yl-
propionyloxy)-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-1(2,3-dichloro-phenyl)-acetoxy]-4-
oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(5-methyl-naphthalen-1-yl)-
acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino 5-[{2-iodo-phenyl)-acetoxy]-4-oxo-
pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-(3-pyridin-3-yl-
propionyloxy)-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(5-methoxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-
acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(8-methyl-naphthalen-1-yl)-
acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-acetoxy]-4-oxo-
pentanoic acid;
3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(10,11-dihydro-5H-
dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-acetoxy]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
5-Oxo-1-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid
3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-carboxy-2-oxo-butyl ester;

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5-Oxo-pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 1-benzyl ester 2-(3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-carboxy-2-oxo-butyl) ester;

1-Benzoyl-pyrrol\dine-2-carboxylic acid
3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-carboxy-2-oxo-butyl ester;

Pyrrolidine-1,2-dicarboxylic acid 1-benzyl ester 2-(3-benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-carboxy-2-oxo-butyl) ester;

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino 5-(2-benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-5-[(5-cyano-naphthalen-1-yl)-acetoxy]4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-(3-phenyl-3-pyridin-3-yl-propionyloxy)-pentapoic acid;

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino 4-oxo-5-(3-phenyl-3-pyridin-4-yl-propionyloxy)-pentanoic acid; and

3-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-[(1-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-acetoxy]-pentanoic acid.

The compounds:

3-Benzenesulfonylamino-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxopentanoic acid;

3-Methoxycarbonylamino-5-(naphthalene-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxopentanoic acid;

5-(Naphthalene-1-xl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-(3-phenyl-propionylamino)-pentanoic acid;

3-Methoxycarbonylamino-4-oxo-5-phenoxyacetoxy-pentanoic acid;

3-(2-Methanesulfonyl-1-methyl-ethylsulfanylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.

The compounds:

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[S-(R\*,R\*)]-3-(2-Acetylamino-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalene-

1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic ac

	5(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-[(thiophene-3-carbonyl)-
	amino]-pentanoic acid;
	3-[(Puran-3-carbonyl)-amino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-
	pentanoic acid;
5	5-(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(4-phenyl-butyrylamino)-
	propylamino]-pentanoic acid;
	3-(2-Methanesulfonylamino-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-
	acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-[2-(2-Acetylamino-4-phenyl-butyrylamino)-propionylamino]-5-
10	(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-(2-Acetylamino-butyrylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-
	oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-[2-(4-Carbamoyl-butyrylamino)-propionylamino]-5-(naphthalen-
	1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
15	3-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-
	yl-acetoxy)-1-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	5-(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3 (2-ureido-propionylamino)-
	pentanoic acid;
	3-(2-Acetylamino-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-
20	oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-[(1-Acetyl-pyrrolidine-2-carbonyl)-amino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-
	acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-(2-Methyl-3-oxo-3-thiophen-2-y) propionylamino)-5-
	(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
25	3-(2-Acetylamino-acetylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-
	oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-(2-Acetylamino-propionylamino)-5-(3,3-diphenyl-propionyloxy)
	4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-[2-(2-Acetylamino-4-carboxy-butyrylamino)-propionylamino]-5-
30	(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	5-(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(3-phenyl-
	propionylamino)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid;

3-[2-(3-Methyl-butyrylamino)-propionylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-[(1-Acatyl-4-benzyloxy-pyrrolidine-2-carbonyl)-amino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(4-carbamoyl-butyrylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxopentanoic acid; and

3-[2-(1-Methyl-1H-inidazol-4-yl)-acetylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.

The compounds:

(S)-5-(Naphthalene-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-phenylacetylaminopentanoic acid;

(S)-5-(Naphthalene-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-(2-thiophene-2-yl-acetylamino)-pentanoic acid;

3-[(2-Carbamoyl-cyclopentanecarbonyl)-amino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-[(3-Carbamoyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-2-carbonyl)-amino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(3-Methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(3-Benzenesulfonyl 2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-Butyrylamino-5-(naphthalen-2-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-Acetylamino-5-(naphthalen-)-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(3-Methanesulfonyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(3-Methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxopentanoic acid;

3-(3-Carbamoyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

[S-(R\*,R\*)]-3-(3-Acetylsulfanyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; and

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trans-3-[(3-Carbamoyl-cyclopentanecarbonyl)-amino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.

3-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1-oxo-isoquinoline-2-yl)acetamino-5-(naphthalene-1-yl acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-(2-Methyl-3-phenethylcarbamoyl-propionylamino)5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
5-(Naphthalen-2-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(2-oxo-6-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid;
5-(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(2-oxo-6-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid;
3-[3-Methyl-2-(3-phenyl-propionylamino)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-5-[(1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-acetoxy]-pentanoic acid;
5-(Naphthalen-2-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-3,4-dilydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(2-oxo-6-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid;

\5-(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-\frac{1}{2}-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-

1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-adetylamino]-pentanoic acid;

5-(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy) 4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid;

5-(Naphthalen-2-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid;

3-[4-(1-Benzenesulfonyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)-4-oxo-butyrylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic acid; 5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(1-oxo-

3,4-dihydro-1H-isoquinolin-2-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid;

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propionylamino]-5-[(1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-acetoxy]-	
pentanoic acid;	
3-[4-(1-Benzenesulfonyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl)-4-oxo-butyrylamino]-	
5-(2-benzyl-3 phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;	
4-Oxo-6-[(1-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-acetoxy]-	
3-[2-(1-oxo-1,2,3/4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-acetylamino]-pentanoic	
acid;	
5-(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(2-oxo-3-phenyl-	
imidazolidin-1-yl)-propionylaminol-pentanoic acid;	
5-(Naphthalen 1-yl-acetoxy) 4-oxo-3-[2-(2-oxo-3-phenyl-	
tetrahydro-pyrimidin-1-yl)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid;	
5-(Naphthalen-1-xl-acetoxy)oxo-3-[2-(2-oxo-3-phenyl-	
tetrahydro-pyrimidin-1-yl)-acetylaminol-pentanoic acid;	
3-(2-Acetylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-	
acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid	
3-(2-Acetylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(2-benzyl-3-phenyl	1-
propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;	
3-(2-Acetylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(3-benzyl-4-pheny	1-
butyryloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;	
3 (2-Acetylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(4-benzyl-5-pheny	1-
pentanoyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;	
3-(2-Acetylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-5-[(1-oxo-	
1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-acetoxy]-pentanoic acid;	
5-(3-Benzyl-4-phenyl-butyryloxy)-3 [3-methyl-2-(3-phenyl-	
propionylamino)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-pentandic acid;	
3-[2-(3-Acetylamino-2-oxo-2H-pyridin-1-yl)-acetylamino]-5-(3	,3
diphenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; and	
3-[2-(3-Acetylamino-2-oxo-2H-pyridin-1-yl) acetylamino]-5-(2	. <b>-</b>
benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.	

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The compounds:
3-[2-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-carboxy-butyrylamino)-
3-methyl-butyrylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic
acid;
3-[2-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-
propionylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-(2-Acetylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-
acetoxy) 4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-[2-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-
propionylamino]-5-(3,3-diphenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-[2-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-
propionylamino] 5-(2-benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic
acid;
3-[2-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-
propionylamino]-5-(naphthalen-l-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-{2-[4-carboxy-2-(3-phenyl-
propionylamino)-butyrylamino]-3 methyl-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic
acid;
3-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-
5 (2.2 diphonyl propionylovy) 4 oxo-pentanoic acid:

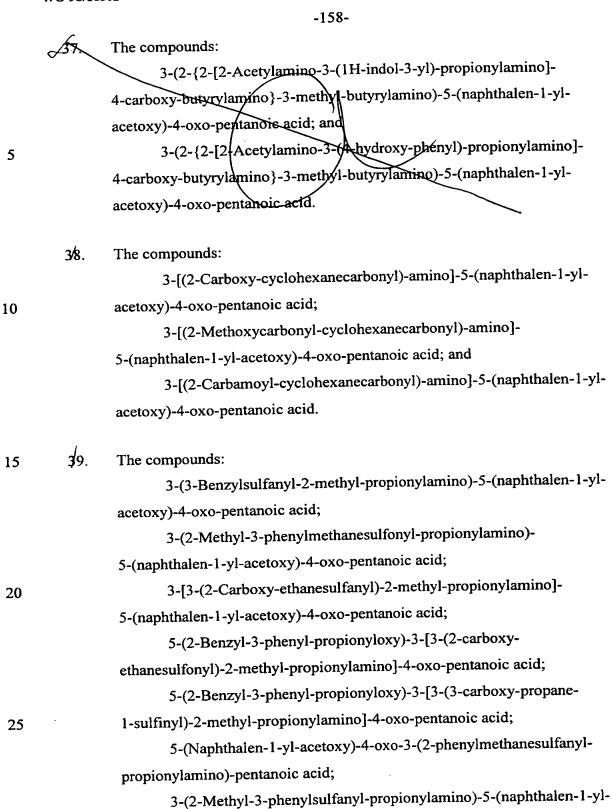
5-(3,3-diphenyl-propionyloxy)-4\oxo-pentanoic acid;
3-(2-Asetylamino-3-hydroxy-butyrylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-

acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(2-Acetylamino-3-hydroxy-butyrylamino)-5-(3,3-diphenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(2-{2-[2-Acetylamino-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-propionylamino]-4-carboxy-butyrylamino}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(2-benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; and

5-(3,3-Diphenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-3-[2-(4-phenyl-butyrylamino)-propionylamino]-pentanoic acid.



acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;





5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-(2-methyl-3-phenylsulfanyl	
propionylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;	

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3-(2-Methyl-3-phenethylsulfanyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-(2-methyl-3-phenethylsulfanyl-propionylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-(3-benzylsulfanyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-(2-benzylsulfanyl-propionylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-[2-Methyl-3-(3-phenyl-propylsulfanyl)-propionylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(3-Benzenesulfonyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(3-Benzenesulfonyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(2-benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-[2-methyl-3-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-propionylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-[2-Methyl-3-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl)-propionylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(Naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-3-(2-phenylmethanesulfonyl-propionylamino)-pentanoic acid:

propionylamino)-pentanoic acid; 5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-(2-methyl-

3-phenylmethanesulfonyl-propionylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; 5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-

3-(2-phenylmethanesulfonyl-propionylamino)-pentanoic acid;

3-[2-Methyl-3-(3-phenyl-propane-1-sulfonyl)-propionylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-[2-methyl-3-(3-phenyl-propane-1-sulfonyl)-propionylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-[3-(2-carboxy-ethylsulfanyl)-2-methyl-propionylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

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	3-[3-(3-Carboxy-propylsulfanyl)-2-methyl-propionylamino]-
	5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-[3-(3-carboxy-
	propylsulfanyl)-2-methyl-propionylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-(3-Carboxymethylsulfanyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-
	5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-(3-carboxymethylsulfanyl-
	2-methyl-propionylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-[3-(2-Carboxy-ethanesulfonyl)-2-methyl-propionylamino]-
	5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-[3-(3-Carboxy-propane-1-sulfonyl)-2-methyl-propionylamino]-
	5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-(3-Carboxymethanesulfonyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-
	5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-[3-(3-carboxy-propane-
	1-sulfonyl)-2-methyl-propionylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
•	5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-(3-carboxymethanesulfonyl-
	2-methyl-propionylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-[3-(3-Carboxy-propane-1-sulfinyl)-2-methyl-propionylamino]-
	5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
	3-[2-Methyl-3-(3-phenyl-propane-1-sulfinyl)-propionylamino]-
	5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; and
	5-(2-Benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-3-[2-methyl-3-(3-phenyl-
	propane-1-sulfinyl)-propionylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.

## 25 40. The compounds:

3-[3-Methyl-2-(phenethylcarbamoyl-methyl)-butyrylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; and

3-(3-Carboxy-2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.

41. The compound:

3-(2-Methyl-3-sulfamoyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.

12. The compounds:

3-(3-Carbamoyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-3-methyl-naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-[(2-Carbamoyl-cyclopentanecarbonyl)-amino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-[\(\)1-Carbamoyl-pyrrolidine-2-carbonyl)-amino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(2-{2-|2-Acetylamino-3-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-propionylamino}-4-carboxy-butyrylamino}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(2-benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxo-pentanoicacid;

3-(3-Carbamoyl-2-methyl-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(2-Carbamoylmethyl-3 methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(3-Benzyloxy-2-ureidd-propionylamino)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-[2-(2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino-4-carboxy-butyrylamino)-3-methyl-butyrylamino]-5-(2-benzyl-3-phenyl-propionyloxy)-4-oxopentanoic acid;

3-{2-[4-Carboxy-2-(3-phenyl-propionylamino)-butyrylamino]-3-methyl-butyrylamino}-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; and

3-[2-(2-Acetylamino-4-carboxy-butyrylamino)-3-methyl-butyrylamino]-5-(naphthalen-1-yl-acetoxy)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.

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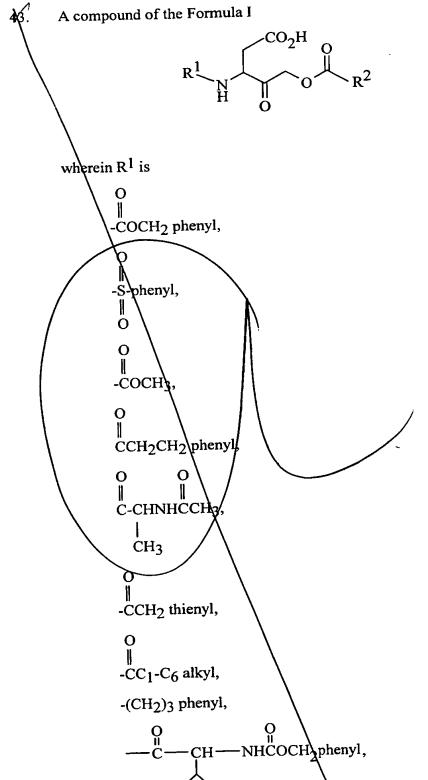
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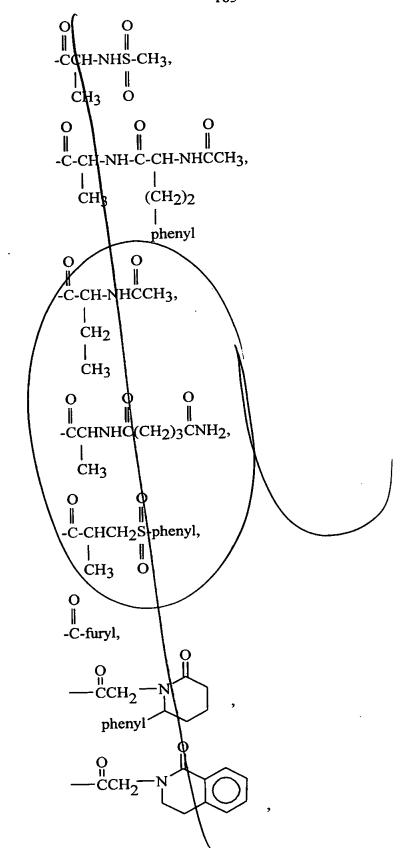
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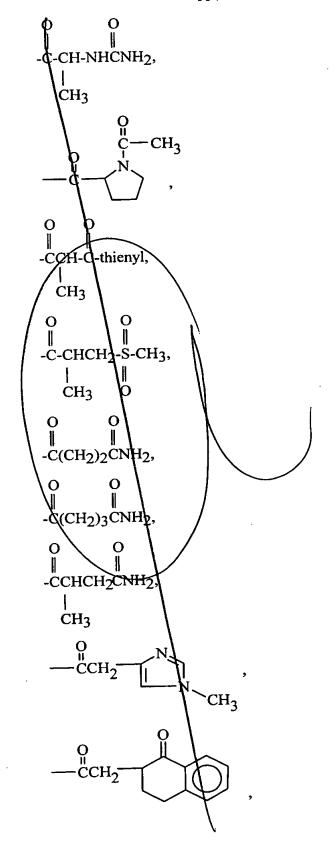
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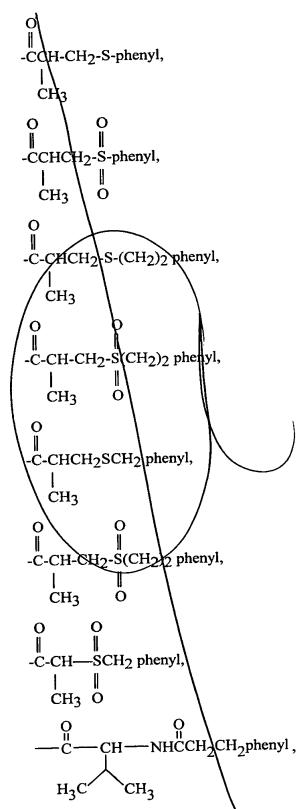
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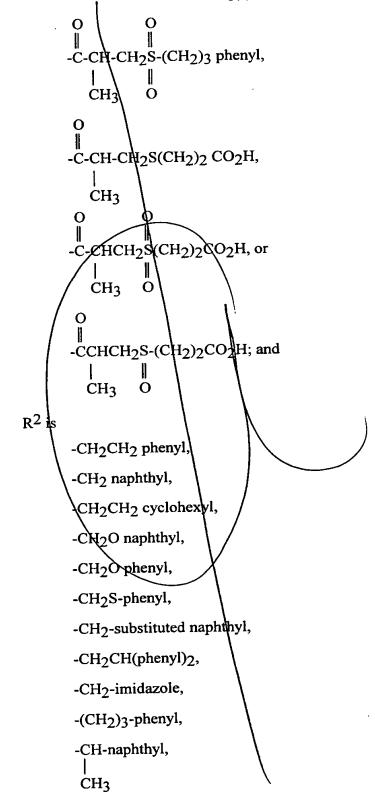
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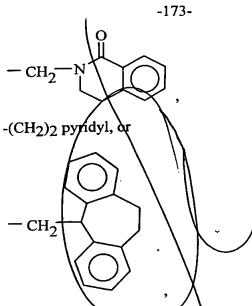


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-172-- сн<sub>2</sub>--CH2-substituted indolyl, phenyl COCHIPHENY phenyl CH<sub>2</sub>phenyl henyl - CH<sub>2</sub>-NHphenyl CH<sub>2</sub>  $CH_2$ pyridy - сн<sub>2</sub>phenyl



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